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**State Treasurer Richard Mourdock Announces Future Leaders Award Winner**

***Student wins \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan Account***

BROWNSBURG, IN (May 02, 2008) – State Treasurer Richard Mourdock announced Brownsburg West Middle School sixth grader Jeffrey Rhodes as the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* and presented him with a \$1,000 scholarship account in front of his family, teachers, and fellow classmates.

“The *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* is a program that awards a Hoosier student for demonstrating leadership qualities in their school and community,” explained Treasurer Mourdock. “Jeffrey’s devotion to helping his school and his peers, while maintaining his own academic excellence, makes him an ideal candidate for this award.”

Jeffrey was nominated for the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* by his teacher, Mr. Robert Freije, who describes him as born leader. “Jeffrey does an excellent job of leading by example,” explained Freije. “He has a proven ability to inspire others to do their best while encouraging teamwork amongst his peers.”

Throughout the school year, Treasurer Mourdock presents the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*, which provides a \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan account, to students who exemplify any one or combination of the following: community service; progress/improvement in a specific area; overcoming personal obstacles; and/or excellence in academics, athletics, arts or music. In addition to Jeffrey receiving the award, his school received \$250 to be used to foster its own leadership activities.

Nominations for the on-going program may be submitted by anyone who knows a student deserving of the award. For complete program rules and a nomination form, go online to [www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders](http://www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders) or call 317-232-5259.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock serves as the Chairman of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which oversees the CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan. The CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan is a state and federal tax advantaged program, which allows families to invest for future higher education expenses. Hoosiers interested in saving for a loved-one’s college education are encouraged to visit the CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan website at [www.collegechoiceplan.com](http://www.collegechoiceplan.com) or call 866-400-PLAN (7526) for more information.